GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6105
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2001
FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether various State Governments, particularly Uttar Pradesh and Delhi have requestedto the Union Government to remove the difficulties being faced in the implementation of the food for work programme as well as in the calamity relief measures being taken at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the State Governments have also requested the Government not to restrict theFood for Work Programme to the Employment Assurance Scheme only;

(d) if so, the guidelines issued by the Government in regard to implementation of the said programme;

(e) whether the guidelines issued in 1977-78 are proposed to be made applicable for the effective implementation of the said programme;

(f) if so, the time by which the guidelines issued in 1977-78 are likely to be made applicable; and
(g) the action taken by the Government on the requests of the State Governments so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) & (g) : The Food for Work Programme has been launched in the droughtaffected States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Orissa, Maharashtra andHimachal Pradesh. At present, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh are not facing drought -like situation and no such request has been received from them.

The States have requested for modification in the guidelines of the Food for WorkProgramme to cover all schemes which have appreciable labour component. The matter was considered by the Disaster Management Group and it has been recommended that the Food for Work Programme may be extended to all the schemes which help in employment generation and have appreciable labour component.

During 2000-2001 a quantity of 5,99,773 tonnes of foodgrains has been allotted to the drought affected States free of cost. A statement indicating, State-wise details of allotment and offtake is given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) & (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6105 ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 27-04-2001.

STATEMENT SHOWING ALLOTMENT & OFFTAKE OF RICE & WHEAT UNDER FOOD FOR WORK IN DROUGHT AFFE AREAS DURING 2000-2001.

LIFTING AS ON 25-4-2001

FREE OF COST (Figures in Tonnes/Provisional)

STATE	ALLOTMENT			OFFTAKE		
	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL
Chhattisgarh	207000	0	207000	186000	0	186000
Gujarat	20000	70000	90000	5732	18836	24568

Himachal Pradesh	11549	0	11549	4947	0	4947
Maharashtra	2000	8000	10000	1979	7442	9421
Madhya Pradesh	20079	43000	63079	10433	27573	38006
Orissa	100000	0	100000	77832	14617	92449
Rajasthan	0	118145	118145	0	91112	91112
Total	360628	239145	599773	286923	159580	446503

In case of Orissa wheat allocation of 20,000 tonnes has been converted into rice allocation but 14617 tonnes of lifting of wheat has been reported.